

16 NINA SCHITAROFF: Unlike most of the people
17 you've heard tonight, I'm just an average person. I've
18 lived in Las Vegas longer than probably most of you are
19 old. I come as a divided person. I'm what's known as a
20 breed. I have lots of questions.

21 A breed is a person who's half white or half
22 something else and half Indian. So part of me just
23 wants to stand up to all of your government people and
24 say get the hell out of my country. The problem with
25 that is the other half of me goes, oops, I live here.
1 So I get hung up on that.

1 [But two things that concern me are the ones
2 that concern you. Like everybody else, I don't want it
3 in my backyard. I have enough garbage. I don't need
4 yours. And the other thing is I don't want you bringing
5 your trash across what is my land, because I've lived
6 all over this country.

8 I lived close to the power plant in New Jersey
9 where they invited the kids and made a big production
10 and showed them how to fish and said, "Look how safe it
11 is." What they didn't show you, which we looked at,
12 were the fish with two heads and the ones that had no
13 fins and all the rest of it. But it was clean. That's
14 what the Department of Energy showed us.

15 So the questions that I think we have to look
16 at and have been brought up before is we're spending all
17 of this money to figure out how to bring this out here
18 instead of trying to figure out how do we find a way to

19 get rid of it, use it up, clean it up where it is.

20 And the thing that amazes me the absolute
21 most, the first thing that I hear from all of these
22 people is, well, why not put it where we've already done
23 all this damage? First of all, you didn't have the
24 right to do the damage there. You didn't ask me. You
25 sure as heck didn't ask the Shoshones. You didn't ask
1 the Paiutes. You just took it and you did it.

2 And the question is how much more damage can
3 that ground take? Because I don't think any of the
4 geologists that I've talked to can give me an answer to
5 that question. I talked to some very nice gentlemen
6 tonight about my concerns about trucking or training
7 this.

8 And they very politely showed me their
9 literature, and I will look at it in-depth, and they
10 told me about running a full bore engine right into the
11 side of one of those tankers and, boy, nothing happened.
12 I said, you know what? Here's how I think. I don't
13 think that terrorists is going to be driving sideways an
14 engine that's on a track. I just don't think that's
15 going to work out. You know, he's got to have another
16 track to do it with, and he's got to have a pretty good
17 headwind or something to push him over there.

18 I think he's going to do it like they do it in
19 the movies. He's going to get one of those
20 air-to-ground missiles of some sort. He's going to be
21 on a building about 10 miles from here with a scope, and
22 he's going to pop that sucker.

23 And then I have to worry about what's going to
24 happen to all those people that are around when that
25 goes, because some of the other gentlemen out there said
1 to me, "Nothing, because everything that's in there,
2 even if it's spilled open, nobody is going to get hurt."

3 I don't get that. You know, I don't get it,
4 because I saw the fish with two heads, and I saw the
5 fish with no fins. And you can translate something from
6 a solid into a liquid and maybe then back to a solid.
7 But I sort of think if it's out on the ground, I'm going
8 to get hurt.

9 And I don't know a darn thing about nuclear
10 energy or any kind of energy. I just know when I turn
11 on a light, I want it to come on. And I know that if we
12 took a lot of money, we could clean coal up. But I have
13 to say to myself, we've already wrecked a whole big part
14 of this state, and we don't know what the damage really
15 is to that.

16 And the testimony that this gentleman made
17 about what happened who worked with him, well, we have a
18 lot of friends in Fallon, so his story to me rings way
19 too truthful.

20 And I would say to you, DOE, we've got
21 questions that you need to listen to and you need to
22 answer. There is no need to jump into it. Listen to
23 our questions, read them, and then you come back and you
24 talk to us again before you make a move, because that's
25 what this country is about. It's about listening.

1 You're supposed to represent us. So you
2 answer our questions, come back, we'll talk again, and
3 then maybe between us we'll find the answer to this.]
4 Thank you.